

Principal's Message for November 2016

In the spirit of the grand tradition of Thanksgiving, I would like to personally thank each of you who voted for the Alpine School District Bond. This historic bond will help the district to begin to meet some of the needs of a growing area such as ours. Thanks for your incredible support each day here at the school; and again at the ballot box!

We have enjoyed a wonderful positive tone in October through many fun activities: Wheel of Fortune, reading program, Dr. T's Readers, Red Ribbon Week, Lunch with the Principal, Safety Tips from the Fire Department, the Spirit Stick, the annual Spooktacular, and our spooky Halloween Parade. A big thank you goes out to the PTA, and many faculty and staff for all their hard work in putting on all of these activities! Thanks to all of you for dressing up your ghost and goblins for our Halloween parade!

In November we will have our Penny Wars. We are excited to start this annual tradition that our Student Council will head up – it is a fun way to give a little to those in need by simply bringing in our loose change. This year we have added a new component with the faculty versus the students. The Penny Wars will be the week of November 11th.

As principal I have so enjoyed hosting the Dr. T's Readers. The student and teacher response has been outstanding! We have had great discussions about the books – from what they liked/disliked to the moral of the story. **Upcoming for November are the following books: Grades 1-2 *A-Z Mysteries - The Absent Author* By Ron Roy; Grades 3-4 *Candy Bomber: The Story of the Berlin Airlift's "Chocolate Pilot"* By Michael Tunnel; Grades 5-6 *Summer of the Monkeys* By Wilson Rawls.** Please keep encouraging your students to read not only the Dr. T books, but also any good books they can get their hands on with you or on their own.

Finally, just another reminder, that as we head into the winter months we ask you to please keep your students home when they are sick. This is not only for their health but for our Saratoga Shores community as well. Teachers will work with them on things that they may have missed. Please remind your students to continually wash their hands. If we all work together we can minimize the impact of the flu on our school.

Thank you again for supporting Saratoga Shores Elementary as we *Build A Community Of Learners – One Student At A Time!*

Dr. Thomas